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Sir:

This invention relates to various rubbers, thermoplastic elastomers, and plastics which can be cleaned with an acid (inorganic or organic) or a salt thereof to extend the useful life of the material. A desired end use for the material is a vehicle wiper blade. Alkyl or aromatic sulfonic acids are desired due to their ability to clean and regenerate a used wiper blade as well as to reduce streaking. Residual alkyl or aromatic sulfonic acid left on the blade can help to retard later build-up of oil and dirt on the blade.

As authorized and encouraged under 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.99, applicant hereby cites as a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the following patents and/or documents, copies enclosed, which the Examiner should consider with respect to the above-identified United States Patent Application:

PATENT/DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME/COUNTRY
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An examination of the present application considering the above documents is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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